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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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(Original) A method for remote incremental program verification, said method comprising:

receiving content verified by at least one content provider, said at least one content provider including an applet provider, a device manufacturer a device issuer and a trusted post-issuance installer, said content including at least one program unit, each program unit comprising an Application Programming Interface (API) definition file and an implementation, each API definition file defining items in its associated program unit that are made accessible to one or more other program units, each implementation including executable code corresponding to said API definition file, said executable code including type specific instructions and data said verification including determining binary compatibility of earlier program unit implementations with later program unit implementations;

installing said content on a resource-constrained device;

issuing said resource-constrained device to an end user; and

allowing post-issuance installation of verified content on said resource-constrained device by said trusted post-issuance installer, said post-installation occurring after said issuance.

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 (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1-wherein said verification further comprises:

A method for remote incremental program verification, said method comprising:

receiving content verified by at least one content provider, said at least one

content provider including an applet provider, a device manufacturer a

device issuer and a trusted post-issuance installer, said content including at

least one program unit, each program unit comprising an Application

Programming Interface (API) definition file and an implementation, each

API definition file defining items in its associated program unit that are

made accessible to one or more other program units, each implementation

including executable code corresponding to said API definition file, said

executable code including type specific instructions and data said

verification including determining binary compatibility of earlier program

unit implementations with later program unit implementations said

verification further comprising:

receiving a second version of said first program unit implementation and a second version of said first program unit API definition file, said second version being a revised version of said first version;

verifying said second version of said first program unit implementation, including

indicating a verification error when said second version of said first

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program unit implementation is not internally consistent; and indicating a verification error when said second version of said first program unit implementation is inconsistent with said second version of said first program unit API definition file; and verifying said second version of said first program unit implementation is binary compatible with said first version of said first program unit implementation, including indicating a verification error when said first version of said first program unit API definition file is incompatible with said second version of said first program unit API definition file.

installing said content on a resource-constrained device; issuing said resource-constrained device to an end user; and

constrained device by said trusted post-issuance installer, said post-installation occurring after said issuance.

allowing post-issuance installation of verified content on said resource-

3. (Original) The method of claim 2, further comprising:

indicating a verification error when a second program unit implementation that references said first program unit is inconsistent with said first version of said first program unit API definition file; and

indicating said second program unit implementation is verified with said second

version of said first program unit API definition file when said second version of
said first program unit implementation is compatible with said first version of

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said first program unit implementation.

4. (Original) The method of claim 3, further comprising:

indicating said second program unit implementation is verified with said second version of said first program unit implementation when said second program unit implementation is verified with said second version of said first program unit API definition file.

5. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein said first version of said first program

unit API definition file is binary compatible with said second version of said first

program unit API definition file when said second version of said first program unit

API definition file includes a superset of each element in said first version of said

first program unit API definition file.

6. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein

said trusted post-issuance installer verifies a new program unit; and

said trusted post-issuance installer installs said verified new program unit on said

resource-constrained device.

7. (Original) The method of claim 6 wherein post-issuance verification is performed on

a resource-rich device.

8. (Original) The method of claim 6 wherein post-issuance verification is performed on

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a terminal device.

- (Original) The method of claim 6 wherein said verification is performed by the provider of said new program unit.
- 10. (Original) The method of claim 6 wherein said verification is performed by said applet provider.
- 11. (Original) The method of claim 6 wherein said verification is performed by said device manufacturer.
- 12. (Original) The method of claim 6 wherein said verification is performed by said device issuer.
- 13. (Original) The method of claim 6 wherein said verification is performed by said applet provider and said device manufacturer.
- 14. (Original) The method of claim 6 wherein said verification is performed by said applet provider and said device issuer.
- 15. (Original) The method of claim 6 wherein said verification is performed by said device manufacturer and said device issuer.



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16. (Original) The method of claim 6 wherein said verification is performed by said applet provider, said device manufacturer and said device issuer.

17. (Original) The method of claim 6 wherein said verification is performed by said applet provider, said device manufacturer, said device issuer and said trusted post-issuance installer.

18. (Original) The method of claim 6 wherein said verification is performed by said device manufacturer, said device issuer and said trusted post-issuance installer.

19. (Original) The method of claim 6 wherein said verification is performed by said device manufacturer and said trusted post-issuance installer.

20. (Original) The method of claim 6 wherein said verification is performed by said device issuer and said trusted post-issuance installer.

21. (Original) The method of claim 6 wherein post-issuance verification is performed on a resource-rich device.

22. (Original) The method of claim 6 wherein post-issuance verification is performed on a terminal device.

23. (Original) A method for remote incremental program verification, said method

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comprising:

provider including an applet provider, a device manufacturer, a device issuer and an untrusted post-issuance installer, said content including at least one program unit, each program unit comprising an Application Programming Interface (API) definition file and an implementation, each API definition file defining items in its associated program unit that are made accessible to one or more other program units, each implementation including executable code corresponding to said API definition file, said executable code including type specific instructions and data said verification including determining binary compatibility of earlier program unit implementations with later program unit implementations;

installing said content on a resource-constrained device;

issuing said resource-constrained device to an end user; and

allowing post-issuance installation of verified content on said resource-constrained device by said untrusted post-issuance installer, said post-installation occurring after said issuance.

24. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 23 wherein said verification further comprises:

A method for remote incremental program verification, said method comprising:

receiving content verified by at least one content provider, said at least one

content provider including an applet provider, a device manufacturer, a



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device issuer and an untrusted post-issuance installer, said content including at least one program unit, each program unit comprising an Application

Programming Interface (API) definition file and an implementation, each

API definition file defining items in its associated program unit that are made accessible to one or more other program units, each implementation including executable code corresponding to said API definition file, said executable code including type specific instructions and data, said verification including determining binary compatibility of earlier program unit implementations with later program unit implementations, said verification further comprising:

receiving a second version of said first program unit implementation and a second version of said first program unit API definition file, said second version being a revised version of said first version; and

verifying said second version of said first program unit implementation, including

determining whether said second version of said first program unit implementation is internally consistent; and

determining whether said second version of said first program unit implementation is consistent with said second version of said first program unit API definition file; and

verifying said second version of said first program unit implementation is binary compatible with said first version of



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said first program unit implementation by comparing said first version of said first program unit API definition file and said second version of said first program unit API definition file. file:

installing said content on a resource-constrained device;

issuing said resource-constrained device to an end user; and

allowing post-issuance installation of verified content on said resource-constrained

device by said untrusted post-issuance installer, said post-installation occurring

after said issuance.

25. (Original) The method of claim 24, further comprising:

determining whether a second program unit implementation that references said first program unit is consistent with said first version of said first program unit API definition file; and

indicating said second program unit implementation is verified with said second version of said first program unit API definition file when said second version of said first program unit implementation is compatible with said first version of said first program unit implementation.

26. (Original) The method of claim 25, further comprising:

indicating said second program unit implementation is verified with said second version of said first program unit implementation when said second program unit implementation is verified with said second version of said first program unit API definition file.



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27. (Original) The method of claim 24 wherein said first version of said first program unit API definition file is binary compatible with said second version of said first program unit API definition file when said second version of said first program unit API definition file includes a superset of each element in said first version of said first program unit API definition file.

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28. (Original) The method of claim 24 wherein said untrusted post-issuance installer verifies a new program unit; and said untrusted post-issuance installer installs said verified new program unit on said resource-constrained device.

- 29. (Original) The method of claim 24 wherein post-issuance verification is performed on a resource-rich device.
- 30. (Original) The method of claim 24 wherein post-issuance verification is performed on a terminal device.
- 31. (Original) The method of claim 24 wherein said verification is performed by the provider of said new program unit.
- 32. (Original) The method of claim 24 wherein said verification is performed by said applet provider.

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33. (Original) The method of claim 24 wherein said verification is performed by said device manufacturer.

34. (Original) The method of claim 24 wherein said verification is performed by said device issuer.

35. (Original) The method of claim 24 wherein said verification is performed by said applet provider and said device manufacturer.

36. (Original) The method of claim 24 wherein said verification is performed by said applet provider and said device issuer.

37. (Original) The method of claim 24 wherein said verification is performed by said device manufacturer and said device issuer.

38. (Original) The method of claim 24 wherein said verification is performed by said applet provider, said device manufacturer and said device issuer.

39. (Original) The method of claim 24 wherein said verification is performed by said applet provider, said device manufacturer, said device issuer and said untrusted post-issuance installer.



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40. (Original) The method of claim 24 wherein said verification is performed by said device manufacturer, said device issuer and said untrusted post-issuance installer.

41. (Original) The method of claim 24 wherein said verification is performed by said device manufacturer and said untrusted post-issuance installer.

42. (Original) The method of claim 24 wherein said verification is performed by said device issuer and said untrusted post-issuance installer.

43. (Original) The method of claim 24 wherein post-issuance verification is performed on a resource-rich device.

44. (Original) The method of claim 24 wherein post-issuance verification is performed on a terminal device.

45. (Original) A program storage device readable by a machine, embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform program verification, comprising:

provider including an applet provider, a device manufacturer, a device issuer and a trusted post-issuance installer, said content including at least one program unit, each program unit comprising an Application Programming Interface (API) definition file and an implementation, each API definition file defining items in

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its associated program unit that are made accessible to one or more other program units, each implementation including executable code corresponding to said API definition file, said executable code including type specific instructions and data, said verification including determining binary compatibility of earlier program unit implementations with later program unit implementations; installing said content on a resource-constrained device;

allowing post-issuance installation of verified content on said resource-constrained device by said trusted post-issuance installer, said post-installation occurring after said issuance.

46. (Currently Amended) The program storage device of claim 45 wherein said verification further comprises:

A program storage device readable by a machine, embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform program verification, comprising:

provider including an applet provider, a device manufacturer, a device issuer

and a trusted post-issuance installer, said content including at least one program

unit, each program unit comprising an Application Programming Interface (API)

definition file and an implementation, each API definition file defining items in

its associated program unit that are made accessible to one or more other

program units, each implementation including executable code corresponding to

said API definition file, said executable code including type specific instructions
and data, said verification including determining binary compatibility of earlier
program unit implementations with later program unit implementations, said
verification further comprising:

receiving a second version of said first program unit implementation and a second version of said first program unit API definition file, said second version being a revised version of said first version;

verifying said second version of said first program unit implementation, including

indicating a verification error when said second version of said first program unit implementation is not internally consistent; and

indicating a verification error when said second version of said first program unit implementation is inconsistent with said second version of said first program unit API definition file; and

verifying said second version of said first program unit implementation is binary compatible with said first version of said first program unit implementation including indicating a verification error when said first version of said first program unit API definition file is incompatible with said second version of said first program unit API definition file. file;

installing said content on a resource-constrained device;

issuing said resource-constrained device to an end user; and

allowing post-issuance installation of verified content on said resource-constrained device by said trusted post-issuance installer, said post-installation occurring



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after said issuance.

47. (Original) The program storage device of claim 46, further comprising:

indicating a verification error when a second program unit implementation that

references said first program unit is inconsistent with said first version of said

first program unit API definition file; and

indicating said second program unit implementation is verified with said second

version of said first program unit API definition file when said second version of

said first program unit implementation is compatible with said first version of

said first program unit implementation.

48. (Original) The program storage device of claim 47, further comprising:

indicating said second program unit implementation is verified with said second

version of said first program unit implementation when said second program

unit implementation is verified with said second version of said first program

unit API definition file.

49. (Original) The program storage device of claim 46 wherein said first version of said

first program unit API definition file is binary compatible with said second version

of said first program unit API definition file when said second version of said first

program unit API definition file includes a superset of each element in said first

version of said first program unit API definition file.

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- 50. (Original) The program storage device of claim 46 wherein said trusted post-issuance installer verifies a new program unit; and said trusted post-issuance installer installs said verified new program unit on said resource-constrained device.
- 51. (Original) The program storage device of claim 50 wherein post-issuance verification is performed on a resource-rich device.
- 52. (Original) The program storage device of claim 50 wherein post-issuance verification is performed on a terminal device.
- 53. (Original) The program storage device of claim 50 wherein said verification is performed by the provider of said new program unit.
- 54. (Original) A program storage device readable by a machine, embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform program verification, comprising:

provider including an applet provider, a device manufacturer, a device issuer and an untrusted post-issuance installer, said content including at least one program unit, each program unit comprising an Application Programming Interface (API) definition file and an implementation, each API definition file defining items in its associated program unit that are made accessible to one or

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more other program units, each implementation including executable code corresponding to said API definition file, said executable code including type specific instructions and data said verification including determining binary compatibility of earlier program unit implementations with later program unit implementations;

installing said content on a resource-constrained device;
issuing said resource-constrained device to an end user; and
allowing post-issuance installation of verified content on said resource-constrained
device by said untrusted post-issuance installer, said post-installation occurring
after said issuance.

55. (Currently Amended) The program storage device of claim 54 wherein said verification further comprises:

A program storage device readable by a machine, embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform program verification, comprising:

provider including an applet provider, a device manufacturer, a device issuer

and an untrusted post-issuance installer, said content including at least one

program unit, each program unit comprising an Application Programming

Interface (API) definition file and an implementation, each API definition file

defining items in its associated program unit that are made accessible to one or

more other program units, each implementation including executable code

corresponding to said API definition file, said executable code including type specific instructions and data, said verification including determining binary compatibility of earlier program unit implementations with later program unit implementations, said verification further comprising:

receiving a second version of said first program unit implementation and a second version of said first program unit API definition file, said second version being a revised version of said first version; and verifying said second version of said first program unit implementation, including

indicating a verification error when said second version of said first program unit implementation is not internally consistent; and

indicating a verification error when said second version of said first program unit implementation is inconsistent with said second version of said first program unit API definition file; and

verifying said second version of said first program unit implementation is binary compatible with said first version of said first program unit implementation including indicating a verification error when said first version of said first program unit API definition file is incompatible when said second version of said first program unit API definition file. file;

installing said content on a resource-constrained device;

issuing said resource-constrained device to an end user; and allowing post-issuance installation of verified content on said resource-constrained

device by said untrusted post-issuance installer, said post-installation occurring



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after said issuance.

56. (Original) The program storage device of claim 55, further comprising:

indicating a verification error when a second program unit implementation that

references said first program unit is inconsistent with said first version of said

first program unit API definition file; and

indicating said second program unit implementation is verified with said second

version of said first program unit API definition file when said second version of

said first program unit implementation is compatible with said first version of

said first program unit implementation.

57. (Original) The program storage device of claim 56, further comprising:

indicating said second program unit implementation is verified with said second

version of said first program unit implementation when said second program

unit implementation is verified with said second version of said first program

unit API definition file.

58. (Original) The program storage device of claim 55 wherein said first version of said

first program unit API definition file is binary compatible with said second version

of said first program unit API definition file when said second version of said first

program unit API definition file includes a superset of each element in said first

version of said first program unit API definition file.

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- 59. (Original) The program storage device of claim 55 wherein said untrusted post-issuance installer verifies a new program unit; and said untrusted post-issuance installer installs said verified new program unit on said resource-constrained device.
- 60. (Original) The program storage device of claim 55 wherein post-issuance verification is performed on a resource-rich device.
- 61. (Original) The program storage device of claim 55 wherein post-issuance verification is performed on a terminal device.
- 62. (Original) The program storage device of claim 55 wherein said verification is performed by the provider of said new program unit.
- 63. (Original) A system for executing a software application, the system comprising:

 a computing system that generates executable code, comprising means for receiving

 content verified by at least one content provider, said at least one content

 provider including an applet provider, a device manufacturer, a device issuer

 and a trusted post-issuance installer, said content including at least one program

 unit, each program unit comprising an Application Programming Interface (API)

 definition file and an implementation, each API definition file defining items in

 its associated program unit that are made accessible to one or more other

 program units, each implementation including executable code corresponding to

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said API definition file, said executable code including type specific instructions and data, said verification including determining binary compatibility of earlier program unit implementations with later program unit implementations; means for installing said content on a resource-constrained device; means for issuing said resource-constrained device to an end user; and means for allowing post-issuance installation of verified content on said resource-constrained device by said trusted post-issuance installer, said post-installation occurring after said issuance.

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64. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 63-wherein said verification further comprises:

A system for executing a software application, the system comprising:

a computing system that generates executable code, comprising means for receiving content verified by at least one content provider, said at least one content provider including an applet provider, a device manufacturer, a device issuer and a trusted post-issuance installer, said content including at least one program unit, each program unit comprising an Application Programming Interface (API) definition file and an implementation, each API definition file defining items in its associated program unit that are made accessible to one or more other program units, each implementation including executable code corresponding to said API definition file, said executable code including type specific instructions and data, said verification including determining binary compatibility of earlier program unit implementations with later program unit implementations, said

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computing system further comprising:

means for receiving a second version of said first program unit implementation and a second version of said first program unit API definition file, said second version being a revised version of said first version;

means for verifying said second version of said first program unit implementation, including

means for indicating a verification error when said second version of said first program unit implementation is not internally consistent; and means for indicating a verification error when said second version of said first program unit implementation is inconsistent with said second version of said first program unit API definition file; and

means for verifying said second version of said first program unit

implementation is binary compatible with said first version of said first

program unit implementation including indicating a verification error when

said first version of said first program unit API definition file is

incompatible with said second version of said first program unit API

definition file. file;

means for installing said content on a resource-constrained device;

means for issuing said resource-constrained device to an end user; and

means for allowing post-issuance installation of verified content on said resource
constrained device by said trusted post-issuance installer, said post-installation

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65. (Original) The system of claim 64, further comprising:

means for indicating a verification error when a second program unit implementation that references said first program unit is inconsistent with said first version of said first program unit API definition file; and

means for indicating said second program unit implementation is verified with said second version of said first program unit API definition file when said second version of said first program unit implementation is compatible with said first version of said first program unit implementation.

66. (Original) The system of claim 65, further comprising:

means for indicating said second program unit implementation is verified with said second version of said first program unit implementation when said second program unit implementation is verified with said second version of said first program unit API definition file.

- 67. (Original) The system of claim 64 wherein said first version of said first program unit API definition file is binary compatible with said second version of said first program unit API definition file when said second version of said first program unit API definition file includes a superset of each element in said first version of said first program unit API definition file.
- 68. (Original) The system of claim 64 wherein said trusted post-issuance installer verifies a new program unit; and



said trusted post-issuance installer installs said verified new program unit on said . resource-constrained device.

- 69. (Original) The system of claim 68 wherein post-issuance verification is performed on a resource-rich device.
- 70. (Original) The system of claim 68 wherein post-issuance verification is performed on a terminal device.
- 71. (Original) The system of claim 68 wherein said verification is performed by the provider of said new program unit.
- 72. (Original) The system of claim 68 wherein said verification is performed by said applet provider.
- 73. (Original) A system for executing a software application, the system comprising:
 a computing system that generates executable code, comprising means for receiving
 content verified by at least one content provider, said at least one content
 provider including an applet provider, a device manufacturer, a device issuer
 and an untrusted post-issuance installer, said content including at least one
 program unit, each program unit comprising an Application Programming
 Interface (API) definition file and an implementation, each API definition file
 defining items in its associated program unit that are made accessible to one or



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more other program units, each implementation including executable code corresponding to said API definition file, said executable code including type specific instructions and data said verification including determining binary compatibility of earlier program unit implementations with later program unit implementations;

means for installing said content on a resource-constrained device;

means for issuing said resource-constrained device to an end user; and

means for allowing post-issuance installation of verified content on said resource
constrained device by said untrusted post-issuance installer, said post
installation occurring after said issuance.

74. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 73 wherein said verification further comprises:

A system for executing a software application, the system comprising:

a computing system that generates executable code, comprising means for receiving

content verified by at least one content provider, said at least one content

provider including an applet provider, a device manufacturer, a device issuer

and an untrusted post-issuance installer, said content including at least one

program unit, each program unit comprising an Application Programming

Interface (API) definition file and an implementation, each API definition file

defining items in its associated program unit that are made accessible to one or

more other program units, each implementation including executable code

corresponding to said API definition file, said executable code including type



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specific instructions and data, said verification including determining binary compatibility of earlier program unit implementations with later program unit implementations, said computing system further comprising:

means for receiving a second version of said first program unit implementation and a second version of said first program unit API definition file, said second version being a revised version of said first version;

means for verifying said second version of said first program unit implementation, including

means for indicating a verification error when said second version of said first program unit implementation is not internally consistent; and means for indicating a verification error when said second version of said first program unit implementation is inconsistent with said second version of said first program unit API definition file; and

means for verifying said second version of said first program unit implementation is binary compatible with said first version of said first program unit implementation including indicating a verification error when said first version of said first program unit API definition file is incompatible with said second version of said first program unit API definition file. file;

means for installing said content on a resource-constrained device;

means for issuing said resource-constrained device to an end user; and

means for allowing post-issuance installation of verified content on said resource
constrained device by said untrusted post-issuance installer, said post-



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installation occurring after said issuance.

75. (Original) The system of claim 74, further comprising:

means for indicating a verification error when a second program unit implementation that references said first program unit is inconsistent with said first version of said first program unit API definition file; and

means for indicating said second program unit implementation is verified with said second version of said first program unit API definition file when said second version of said first program unit implementation is compatible with said first version of said first program unit implementation.

76. (Original) The system of claim 75, further comprising:

means for indicating said second program unit implementation is verified with said second version of said first program unit implementation when said second program unit implementation is verified with said second version of said first program unit API definition file.

77. (Original) The system of claim 74 wherein said first version of said first program unit API definition file is binary compatible with said second version of said first program unit API definition file when said second version of said first program unit API definition file includes a superset of each element in said first version of said first program unit API definition file.

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78. (Original) The system of claim 74 wherein

said untrusted post-issuance installer verifies a new program unit; and said untrusted post-issuance installer installs said verified new program unit on said resource-constrained device.

- 79. (Original) The system of claim 74 wherein post-issuance verification is performed on a resource-rich device.
- 80. (Original) The system of claim 74 wherein post-issuance verification is performed on a terminal device.
- 81. (Original) The system of claim 78 wherein said verification is performed by the provider of said new program unit.
- 82. (Original) A resource-constrained device, comprising:

memory for providing content verified by at least one content provider, said at least one content provider including an applet provider, a device manufacturer, a device issuer and a trusted post-issuance installer, said content including at least one program unit, each program unit comprising an Application Programming Interface (API) definition file and an implementation, each API definition file defining items in its associated program unit that are made accessible to one or more other program units, each implementation including executable code corresponding to said API definition file, said executable code including type



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specific instructions and data, said verification including determining binary compatibility of earlier program unit implementations with later program unit implementations;

an installer device for installation of said content on said resource-constrained device, said installation including installation of initial content and installation of additional content by said trusted post-issuance installer after said resource-constrained device is issued to an end user; and

a virtual machine that is capable of executing instructions included within said content.

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- 83. (Original) The resource-constrained device of claim 82 wherein said resource-constrained device comprises a smart card.
- 84. (Original) The resource-constrained device of claim 83 wherein said virtual machine is Java CardTM-compliant.
- 85. (Original) A resource-constrained device, comprising:

memory for providing content verified by at least one content provider, said at least one content provider including an applet provider, a device manufacturer, a device issuer and an untrusted post-issuance installer, said content including at least one program unit, each program unit comprising an Application

Programming Interface (API) definition file and an implementation, each API definition file defining items in its associated program unit that are made

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accessible to one or more other program units, each implementation including executable code corresponding to said API definition file, said executable code including type specific instructions and data, said verification including determining binary compatibility of earlier program unit implementations with later program unit implementations;

an installer device for installation of said content on said resource-constrained device, said installation including installation of initial content and installation of additional content by said untrusted post-issuance installer after said resource-constrained device is issued to an end user; and

a virtual machine that is capable of executing instructions included within said content.

- 86. (Original) The resource-constrained device of claim 85 wherein said resource-constrained device comprises a smart card.
- 87. (Original) The resource-constrained device of claim 85 wherein said virtual machine is Java CardTM-compliant.